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SUBJECT: AROUND THE WORLD AUTO RACE (AWAR)

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REF: STATE 181325; STATE 142937

1. PER REF B, EMBASSY RAISED AWAR WITH MFA AND IN
RESPONSE MFA/USA COUNSELOR TRIFONOV HANDED EMBOFF
LETTER FROM AFANASIEV.

2. AFANASIEV LETTER STATED THAT PERMISSION FOR TRANSIT
THROUGH SOVIET UNION MUST BE OBTAINED THROUGH "GOVERN-
MENT ORGANS". AFANASIEV WENT ON TO RECOMMEND RAIL
TRANSPORT OF AUTOMOBILES FROM MOSCOW TO VLADIVOSTOK.
ONCE PERMISSION OBTAINED, AFANASIEV PROMISTED ASSISTANCE
OF USSR AUTO FEDERATION, BUT DIRECTED AWAR ORGANIZERS
TO INTOURIST FOR TOURIST SERVICES.

3. EMBASSY QUERIED AFANASIEV AS TO WHICH "GOVERNMENT
ORGANS" WERE COMPETENT TO GRANT PERMISSION. AFANASIEV
REPLIED MFA.

4. EMBASSY INFORMALLY ASKED TRIFONOV IF DIPLOMATIC
NOTE REQUESTING PERMISSION WAS PROPER STEP. TRIFONOV
SAID MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION.

5. TRIFONOV CALLED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 4 TO STATE
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THAT MFA HAD RECIEVED NO WORK FROM SOV EMBASSY

WASHINGTON ON AWAR. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD INFORMED US THAT SOV EMBASSY AWARE OF PROJECT AND HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT. TRIFONOV REPEATED MFA HAD NOTHING DIRECTLY FROM THEIR EMBASSY AND AWAITED RECEIPT OF SUCH NOTIFICATION.

6. EMBOFF TOLD TRIFONOV WE WOULD SO INFORM DEPARTMENT, AND URGED FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION FOR AWAR PROJECT UPON RECEIPT OF INFO FROM SOV EMBASSY.

7. ACTION: IN ADDITION TO NOTIFYING SOVEMBS OF TRIFONOV CONVERSATION; SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ALSO ADVISE AWAR ORGANIZERS OF POSSIBILITY THAT PERMISSION, IF GRANTED, MIGHT SPECIFY RAIL TRANSIT PAST MOSCOW. STOESSEL

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